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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 9399

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR IR  
SUBJ: ARMIN MEYER REMARKS TO IRAN SYMPOSIUM

1. REPORT PUBLISHED WIDELY HERE LAST WEEKEND ON REMARKS  
REPUTEDLY MADE BY FORMER AMBASSADOR ARMIN MEYER AT  
WASHINGTON SYMPOSIUM ON IRAN HAS BECOME SOMETHING OF A  
CONVERSATION PIECE AROUND TOWN. VERSION PRINTED HERE  
SENSATIONALLY " REVEALS" THAT AS A CONDITION OF GRANTING BADLY  
NEEDED \$35 MILLION LOAN IN 1961, PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
INSISTED ON APPOINTMENT OF HIS OWN FAVORITE DR. ALI  
AMINI (WHO HAD BEEN IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON) AS  
PRIME MINISTER. REPORT QUOTES MEYER AS CONTRASTING POOR  
PERFORMANCE OF AMINI--WHO ALLEGEDLY ALSO LOCKED UP A LOT  
OF HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS--WITH BETTER PERFORMANCE OF  
HIS SUCCESSORS PICKED SUBSEQUENTLY BY THE SHAH WITHOUT US  
INTERFERENCE.

2. WHILE TENOR OF REPORT CAN BE READ AS FLATTERING TO  
SHAH'S PRESENT GOVERNMENT, MANY OF OUR IRANIAN  
INTERLOCUTORS RESENT (A) ALLEGATION THAT IRAN DANCED TO  
USG TUNE AS RECENTLY AS 1961 AND (B) ASPERSIONS CAST ON  
AMINI WHO IS STILL QUITE WELL REGARDED BY MANY KNOWLEDGE-  
ABLE IRANIANS.

3. WE NOTE HERALD TRIBUNE ITEM OCT 24 QUOTES MEYER AS  
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DENYING HE SPOKE OF ANY DIRECT LINKAGE WITH APPOINTMENT  
OF A NEW PRIME MINISTER BUT ONLY OF USG HOPE TO SEE  
CERTAIN MEASURES (PRESUMABLY ECONOMIC) TAKEN IN IRAN.  
HOWEVER, ARTICLE ALSO SUGGESTS GOI MAY HAVE PUBLICIZED  
THIS ALLEGATION AS A WAY OF EMBARRASSING USG WITH MEMORY  
OF PAST INTERFERENCE IN IRAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN ORDER  
TO FEND OFF PRESSURE ON HUMAN RIGHTS DURING FORTHCOMING

VISIT OF THE SHAH.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S CLARIFICATION AND GUIDANCE.  
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